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1. SIGNIFICANT LOS DEVELOPMENTS IN SRI LANKA SINCE FOURTH
SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE INCLUDE GSL'S SIGNING WITH INDIA
OF AGREEMENT DETERMINING THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES IN THE GULF OF MANNAR AND THE BAY OF BENGAL
(REFS C AND D). FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IS INTRODUCTION OF
MARITIME ZONES BILL WHICH PROVIDES AUTHORIZATION FOR
DECLARING THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND OTHER MARITIME ZONES OF
SRI LANKA (REF B). BILL HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN UP BY
NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY.

2. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT PRIME MINISTER BANDARA-
NAIKE, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
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WILL ATTEND FIFTH SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK.

GSL WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRONGLY GUIDED IN LOS MATTER
BY ITS PERM REP TO THE UN, SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE, WHO
WILL ALSO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE AND BY
CHRIS PINTO, ITS AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY WHO WAS
FORMERLY FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEGAL ADVISER. WE ARE
TOLD AMERASINGHE WILL BE IN NEW YORK ONLY UNTIL
AUGUST 7. HE WILL COME TO COLOMBO FOR NON-ALIGNED
SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND THEN PLANS TO RETURN TO NEW
YORK ON AUGUST 20.

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